

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am an original and first inventor (if only one name is set forth below) or an original and joint inventor (if plural names are set forth below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "**METHOD AND COMPOSITION FOR STERILIZING SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS,**" for which a patent application is filed concurrently herewith.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) and PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this specification is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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